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TO: GENERAL LEDFORD

VIT: D/SA

KT: 25X1A

DATE: 9 MARCH 1966

FROM: DIRECTOR

INFO: 342

FO: 03A 1-20-66

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2	DDSA	10	"
3	Idex	11	SS
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7	DIRCIA	15	
8	Intel	16	
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REF:

FOR KELLY JOHNSON FROM GENERAL LEDFORD

1. THE INSPECTION AS YOU OUTLINED IN THE ABOVE REF IS APPROVED. I RELY ON YOU FOR ALL THE NECESSARY TECHNICAL JUDGEMENTS IN THIS TYPE OF SITUATION.

2. IF ALL THE EVIDENCE POINTS TO A STRUCTURAL FAILURE DUE TO EXCEEDING THE ENVELOPE STRENGTH, AND IF THIS IS YOUR CONSIDERED JUDGEMENT THEN I ACCEPT YOUR JUDGEMENT. I AM PUZZLED, HOWEVER, BY THE QUESTION OF HOW THE ACFT EXCEEDED THE ENVELOPE. FROM ALL THE EVIDENCE I HAVE SEEN AND HEARD I AM NOT CONVINCED THAT THE PILOT OR THE ACFT EXCEEDED THE PRESENTLY DEFINED ENVELOPE ON THIS FLIGHT. I THINK WE SHOULD REEXAMINE THE ALLOWABLE FLT ENVELOPE.

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END OF MESSAGE

COORDINATING OFFICERS

WCK C. LEDFORD  
D/SA  
RELEASING OFFICER

SECRET

GROUP 1  
Excluded from automatic  
downgrading and  
declassification

AUTHENTICATING OFFICER